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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
GROUP 1617**

Attorney Docket :
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:)	Confirmation No. 6495
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D. Scott WILBUR, <i>et al.</i>)	
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U.S. Serial No.: 09/750,280)	Group Art Unit:1617
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Filed: December 29, 2000)	Examiner: L. Wells

For: **TRIFUNCTIONAL REAGENT FOR CONJUGATION TO A BIOMOLECULE**

AFTER-FINAL AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

A response to the Office Action dated September 9, 2003 (Paper No. 23) was due by December 9, 2003. A Petition for Extension of Time (three months, small entity) is enclosed, extending the date to March 9, 2004. Therefore, please accept this Amendment as timely filed.

For the purpose of placing the above-captioned application in immediate condition for allowance, or alternatively, in better form for appeal, Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.116.

In response to Paper No. 23, kindly amend the above-identified patent application as follows.